

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe and claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

In the specification, the Examiner objected to the abstract. A new abstract has been provided, making the objection moot.

Claims 7, 9 and 19 remain in this application. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-18, and 20-31 have been canceled.

The Examiner objected to claims 7 and 9 for having redundant information. The claims have been amended to remove the information that the Examiner identified as being redundant. The Examiner indicated that, when the objection was corrected, claims 7 and 9 would be in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, claims 7 and 9 are in a condition for allowance.

The Examiner objected to claim 19 for being dependent upon rejected base claims, but as being otherwise allowable. Claim 19 has been amended to make it independent. Accordingly, claim 19 is in a condition for allowance.

Because all rejected claims have been canceled, and all objections addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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